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This issue of Handi-NEWS & NOTES is the 623rd issue of the publication since it began on October 28, 1983. With this issue, the Office for Persons with Disabilities has now distributed over 2 Million copies of Handi-NEWS & NOTES!

SOCIAL SECURITY UPDATE

By Karyl Richson
Social Security Public Affairs Specialist in Milwaukee

PLAY THE PERCENTAGES IN YOUR RETIREMENT FINANCIAL PLANNING

Some Americans are surprised to learn that today's workers and families are not nearly as diligent about saving as previous generations have been.

From the 1950s through the early 1980s, personal savings hovered between 6.6 and 11 percent of income. Since the early 1980s, however, personal savings have steadily declined. And now, in the first decade of a new century, personal savings have virtually flatlined at about one percent of income.

According to financial experts, you will need at least 70 percent of your annual working income when you retire to enjoy a comfortable lifestyle. For the average worker, Social Security will provide about 40 percent of that amount. That means you would have a 30 percent gap to fill.

Most workers can reach this goal through contributions to an employer's 401(k) or other pension plan, Individual Retirement Account or other savings and investments.

Of course, the above numbers are just general guidelines. The percentage of pre-retirement earnings that a worker can count on from Social Security can vary greatly. That amount will depend on how much you have earned and how many years you have worked in a job where you paid Social Security taxes. If you are married, your retirement financial goals would also be affected by the entitlement and expectations of your spouse to Social Security and other retirement benefits.

A convenient and handy way to see if the percentages for your retirement savings plan are in your favor is by

using our online Retirement Benefits Planner at <http://www.socialsecurity.gov/planners/index.htm>. You can plug in the numbers and get estimates of what you (and your spouse) might expect in terms of Social Security benefits – and what you need to come up with yourself by other means. And, of course, the earlier you start planning for your retirement financial needs, the easier it will be.

NEW HORIZONS UN-LIMITED INC. Introduction to the Internet Computer Class

Karin Welstead, (414) 299-0124, www.new-horizons.org

The United Methodist Church of Whitefish Bay, 819 E. Silver Spring Drive will offer computer classes for people with disabilities over 18 years of age or their caregivers. Classes are offered at the church computer lab and are taught by volunteer instructors. While the church and computer lab are accessible, at this time, the computer lab can only offer the "Big Keys" assistive device or "Logitech" roller ball mouse. Students otherwise must be able to use a keyboard or mouse and read a computer screen. The classes are intended to provide educational development, social stimulation and personal growth experience and will move at a pace comfortable for the students. Starting Thursday, March 2nd, 2006

Introduction to the Internet class will meet once a week for five weeks for a term fee of \$20.00. Accommodation of people will depend on the space in class and availability of volunteer staff so apply early for special needs classes. For more information, please call the church at 414-964-2424 or write to UMC, 819 E. Silver Spring Drive, Whitefish Bay, WI 53217 or e-mail New Horizons Un-Limited at horizons@new-horizons.org. Ask for the coordinator of the computer class for people with disabilities when calling.

MCFI Parent/Guardian Support Group

MCFI is holding a parent/guardian support group meeting the fourth Wednesday of the month from 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. at the Main Campus at 2020 West Wells. The group is targeted to parents/guardians with children on the County waiting list and will also serve as an information and education resource. For additional information, please call Kari Dixon at (414) 937-2031.



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IRS PUBLICATIONS – Taxpayers with Disabilities

As a person with a disability, you may qualify for some of the following tax deductions, income exclusions, and credits. For more detailed information, please take a look at the IRS publications referenced.

Publication 501, Exemptions, Standard Deduction, and Filing Information

Publication 525, Taxable and Nontaxable Income

Publication 529, Miscellaneous Deductions

Publication 524, Credit for the Elderly or the Disabled

Publication 502, Medical and Dental Expenses
(including Health Coverage Tax Credit)

As a parent of a child with a disability, you may qualify for some of the following tax exemptions, deductions, and credits. For more detailed information, please take a look at the IRS publications & forms referenced.

Publication 501, Exemptions, Standard Deduction, and Filing Information

Publication 968 and Form 8839, Tax Benefits for Adoption, and Qualified Adoption Expenses

Publication 502, Medical and Dental Expenses
(including Health Coverage Tax Credit)

Publication 596, Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)

Publication 503, Child and Dependent Care Expenses

As a business wishing to accommodate persons with disabilities, you may qualify for some of the following tax credits and deductions. For more detailed information, please take a look at the IRS publications & forms referenced.

Publication 535 and Form 8826, Business Expenses, and Disabled Access Credit

Publication 535, Business Expenses

Form 5884, Form 3800, and Form 8850, Work Opportunity Credit, General Business Credit, and Pre-Screening Notice and Certification Request for the Work Opportunity and Welfare-to-Work Credits.

All the forms and publications listed above are available electronically from the Internal Revenue Service at www.irs.gov. For a free paper copy of any listed form or publication, please call 1-800-829-3676 (1-800-TAX-FORM). For additional questions about these credits and

benefits you can call 1-800-829-1040. If you use TTY/TDD equipment, call 1-800-829-4059 to order forms and publications and to ask tax questions.

FREE TAX RETURN ASSISTANCE

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Sites offer free tax return preparation to individuals having low to moderate income. Call 1-800- 829-1040 (TTY/TDD call 1-800-829-4059) for a VITA site near you.

MILWAUKEE COUNTY SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDCARE 2006 Spring Class Schedule



Classes will be held at the Marcia P. Coggs Human Service Center: 1220 W. Vliet Street, in the training rooms (lower level). You must register to attend classes. Call for a registration form at 414-289-6977 or download a form at the web site: www.milwaukee.gov/specialneedschildcare

February 8, 5:30pm – 7:30pm

Appropriate Practice for Nebulizer and G-Tube
Joanette Mazar RN of Penfield Children's Center

Learn important techniques for the correct use of the nebulizer and the g-tube for children with medical needs.

February 18, 9:30am – 11:30am

The Key to Successful Communications: Childcare Professionals, Families, and School staff- Establishing and Maintaining a relationship
Dr. Maureen Keyes of UW-Milwaukee

Learn strategies to facilitate more effective communication with families and school staff when children with special needs attend your center. Learn how to help the children transition from various environments to your centers.

February 22, 5:30pm – 7:30pm

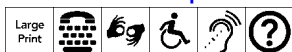
Language Development in Young Children (Birth to Age 5)

Terri Enters of Lutheran Social Services-Birth to Three

What is typical language development? Learn how to assist children with language development through every day activities.

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AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE CLASSES OFFERED

Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

Introductory and intermediate sign language courses will begin on February 15 at the Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (CDHH) in West Allis. Designed for non-professionals, the classes will help individuals who want to learn how to communicate with a deaf family member, friend or co-worker or simply become familiar with another language. The intermediate course will continue to build vocabulary and conversation skills.

Classes will be held on Wednesday evenings, February 15 through May 3 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at the Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, 10243 W. National Avenue (between US45/I894 and Highway 100) in West Allis. The fee for each class series is \$85.

The Center is also offering "Communicating with Kids in Sign," a family sign language class specifically designed for parents, grandparents, relatives, neighbors, babysitters and any adult who needs to communicate in sign language with a young child. This class series will be held at the Center on Tuesday evenings, February 14 through April 18 from 6:00 to 7:30 PM. The fee for this class series is \$55 for the first family member and \$45 for each additional family member.

For more information or to register for any of these courses, call CDHH at 414-604-2200 Voice or 888-742-7651 TTY. Class size is limited. The deadline for registration is February 1.

The Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing has been serving children and adults with hearing loss for more than 75 years. It offers a full range of services and technologies to enhance the quality of life for individuals with hearing loss.

VSA ARTS OF WISCONSIN

VSA arts of Wisconsin, Papermaking and Printmaking art classes begin Feb 22, 2006. Classes are held from 10-11:30 a.m. at the Marian Center, Room 123, 3211 S.

Lake Drive. The dates of the classes are Feb 22, March 1, 8, and 15. Classes include all art materials - minimum class fee is \$20 per student. For more information, please contact Heide at 414-489-0541.

REC ROOM WEBSITE CALENDAR

Looking for something to do? Go to Milwaukee County's recreation calendar to see great activities being offered by area agencies.

www.county.milwaukee.gov/recreationcalendar

January	February	March
April	May	June
July	August	September
October	November	December

HAPPENINGS IN THE PARKS!

Boerner Botanical Gardens



Wednesday, February 1, 8, 15

Thursday, February 2, 9 and March 2

IKEBANA Floral Design – Beginner Level Class

Instructor: Maribeth Price, Ikebono Professor

9:30 am - \$150 / \$140 members

IKEBANA is the Japanese art of flower arrangement. IKEBANA is more than simply putting flowers in a container. It is a disciplined art form in which the arrangement is a living thing in which nature and humanity are brought together. It is steeped in the philosophy of developing a closeness with nature. One tries to represent the three elements sky, earth, and mankind in a well balanced relation. Ikebono school teaches all types of IKEBAN Floral Design.

Saturday, February 11

Growing Gardeners (Ages 3-5): Friendship Tea Party

10:30 am or 1:00 pm - \$15 / \$10 Members

Celebrate this time of friendship with a tea party! Plant a garden friend to nurture and love.

Tuesday, February 14

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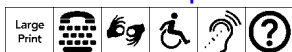
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Dates and topics may change, please call 414-525-5675 to confirm and pre-register.

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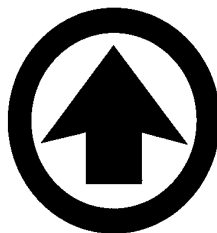


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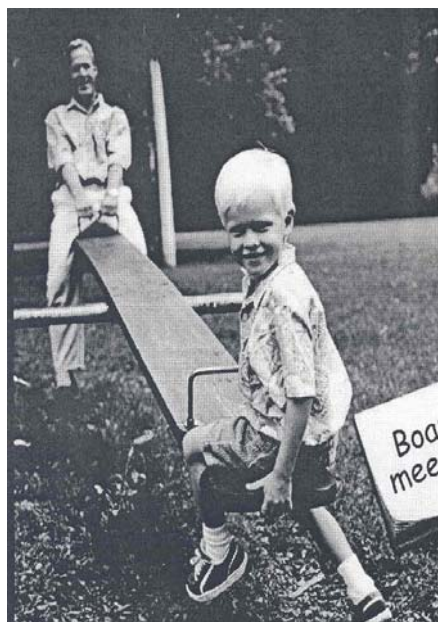


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Call Ray @ 847-623-4226, or Renee @ 847-912-5688

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414-807-6338 cell

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or 262-763-2540



Volunteer Services for the Visually Handicapped, Inc.

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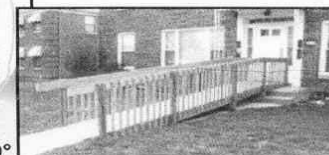
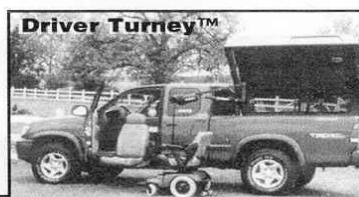
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Wil-O-Way Key Card

2006 Application

The Wil-O-Way Key Card is a product of the Milwaukee County Office for Persons with Disabilities and the Wil-O-Way Recreation Program. Membership in the Wil-O-Way Key Card program expands recreational opportunities for persons with disabilities at a reduced or no cost.

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ORGANIZATION: _____

ADDRESS: _____

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DAY PHONE: _____ EVENING PHONE: _____

DISABILITY: _____

FUNCTIONAL LIMITATIONS (i.e., limited walking, scared of heights, etc.): _____

MOBILITY DEVICES USED: _____ Wheelchair _____ Scooter _____ Walker _____ Cane

_____ Crutches _____ Long Leg Braces _____ Other _____

DOCTOR'S NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

DOCTOR'S ADDRESS: _____

Please make check payable to **Milwaukee County Treasurer.**

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Office for Persons with Disabilities
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August	July 10	July 27
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November	October 10	October 27
December	November 10	November 27

Advertising Rates

Size	1X	3X	6X	12X
Full Page	\$136	\$369	\$710	\$1,392
½ Page	\$72	\$195	\$375	\$735
¼ Page	\$38	\$103	\$200	\$388
1/8 Page	\$20	\$54	\$106	\$204
1/16 Page	\$12	\$33	\$64	\$123

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Please circle the month, in the Publication Deadlines chart, in which you'd like your ad to begin running in Handi-NEWS & NOTES. Please also circle the ad size (i.e., Full Page, ½ Page, ¼ Page, Etc.) and the number of months (i.e., 1X, 3X, 6X, or 12X) you'd like the ad to run.

Please make out a check for the proper amount (i.e., ½ Page ad / 3X = \$103; 1/8 Page ad / 12X = \$204) and mail it along with your ad. Please make your check payable to:
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Mail to: **Office for Persons with Disabilities, 901 N. 9th Street, Room 307-B, Milwaukee WI 53233.**

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- ☐ Camera ready ad enclosed
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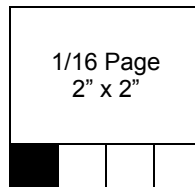
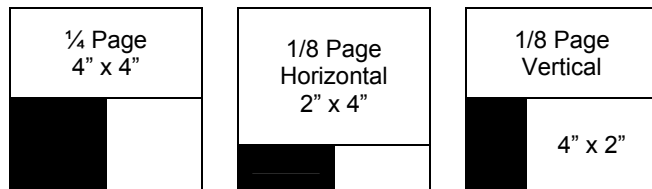
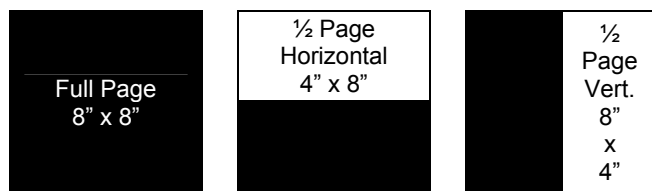
According to the 2000 U.S. Census there are over 48.9 Million Americans with disabilities. This represents 19.4% of the total population of the United States. In other words, nearly 1 in 5 Americans has some sort of disability.

Of the aforementioned individuals, over 950,000 reside in the State of Wisconsin, and of those over 290,000 reside in the metropolitan Milwaukee area.

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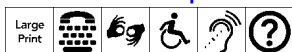
Questions?

If you have any questions, concerns or problems, please contact Handi-NEWS & NOTES. Contact Tim Ochnikowski at 414-278-3930 (Voice) or tochnikowski@milwcnty.com.

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Advertising Criteria

- I. In general, the following policies are meant to protect the interests of Milwaukee County while maximizing the revenues received from compliant advertisers. In no way are these policies meant to deny or in any way limit the rights advertisers have as guaranteed by the First Amendment of the Constitution of the United States.
- II. The following types of advertising are prohibited:
 - A. Advertising that advocates violence, crime and anti-social behavior, or presents violence or crime as erotic, entertaining, amusing or appropriate.
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 - C. Advertising that portrays individuals with characteristics protected under federal law as inferior or contemptible because of those protected characteristics.
 - D. Advertising that states or implies the endorsement of a product or service by the Commission and/or Handi-NEWS & NOTES.
 - E. Advertising that is obscene (i.e. patently offensive sexual material lacking literary, social, artistic and/or political value, that appeals to the prurient interest of a person of average sensibilities).
 - F. Advertising that is false, misleading, deceptive or relates to an illegal activity.
 - G. Advertising which includes language that is obscene, profane or libelous.
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 - I. Advertising that appears as graffiti, gang signs or symbols, encourages graffiti, or appears to encourage or implies the destruction or marking of property of any sort. Copy and graphics using "graffiti style" art may be deemed acceptable if, in the judgment of Handi-NEWS & NOTES officials, such style art does not imply or appear as destructive, malicious or inappropriate in its context (e.g. the 1993-1994 Neon "Hi" introduction campaign would not be acceptable; the 1994 "Hang Tough" campaign is accepted).
- III. Alcoholic beverage advertising will be accepted; however, the following guidelines are to be followed:
 - A. Alcoholic beverage advertising may not exceed 20% of space in any given month.
 - B. All alcoholic beverage advertising accepted must contain a responsible drinking message.
 - C. Appropriateness of alcoholic beverage ads will be judged on the way the product is presented. For example, copy or graphics that do not portray responsible use by legal age groups will not be deemed acceptable.
 - D. Handi-NEWS & NOTES officials will be the final judge of the appropriateness of alcohol beverage advertising.
 - E. At the discretion of Handi-NEWS & NOTES, space may be sold and/or otherwise provided featuring an alcoholic beverage brand and/or company when the brand and/or company is a major sponsor of an event. In the latter case, the ad may not encourage purchase and/or consumption of an alcoholic beverage.
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